

House Resolution 1804

By: Representative Benfield of the 85th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Ms. Jacquelyn S. Decell on the occasion of her retirement;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Ms. Jacquelyn S. Decell has long been recognized by the citizens of this state
4 for the vital role that she has played in leadership and her deep personal commitment to the
5 welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, Ms. Decell earned a bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies from the
7 University of South Carolina and a master's degree in recreation, parks, and tourism from
8 Clemson University; and

9 WHEREAS, for the last six years, she has diligently and conscientiously devoted her time,
10 talents, and energy to the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame, the nation's largest state sports
11 museum, as executive director; and

12 WHEREAS, Ms. Decell has worked for the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame for over a decade,
13 overseeing its growth into a thriving archive of sports history that has become more racially
14 inclusive and has inducted 86 women since her arrival; and

15 WHEREAS, her impressive career includes service to Newtown Macon, Inc.; Milledgeville
16 Main Street/the Downtown Development Authority; the Morikami Museum of Japanese
17 Culture; Arizona's State Capitol Museum; Clemson University's Department of Recreation,
18 Parks, and Tourism Administration; and South Carolina's Department of Youth Services,
19 Department of Mental Retardation, and Department of Leisure Services; and

20 WHEREAS, Ms. Decell has been recognized with numerous honors and accolades
21 throughout her distinguished career, including an Outstanding Building Restoration Award
22 from Georgia Main Street, a Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation Award for Outstanding

23 Adaptive-Use Rehabilitation Project in 1992 and 1993, and a Therapeutic Recreator of the
24 Year in 1972 from the South Carolina Recreation & Park Society; and

25 WHEREAS, she has served as trustee for the Macon Heritage Foundation, chairperson for
26 the Johnson County Courthouse Recreation Committee, and president of the Main Street
27 Association; and

28 WHEREAS, her significant organizational and leadership talents, her remarkable patience
29 and diplomacy, her keen sense of vision, and her sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of
30 this state have earned her the respect and admiration of her colleagues and associates; and

31 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
32 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
34 the members of this body commend Ms. Jacquelyn S. Decell for her efficient, effective,
35 unselfish, and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia; congratulate her upon the
36 grand occasion of her retirement; and extend to her their most sincere best wishes for
37 continued health and happiness.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
39 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ms. Jacquelyn S. Decell.